

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Allen J. Brenneman
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Title : OPTICAL REAGENT FORMAT FOR SMALL SAMPLE VOLUMES

TC/A.U. : 1797
Examiner : Neil N. Turk

Docket No. : MSE-2650

**RCE & AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL
OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 18, 2009**

Mail Stop RCE – via EFS
Commissioner For Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Dear Commissioner:

Applicant submits this RCE and Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 18, 2009. The shortened statutory time period to respond is three months from that date or August 18, 2009, and this response is being filed within that time. Thus, this response is timely. In response to the Final Office Action, please enter the following into the record:

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 7 of this paper.